As an alternative, the Committee felt that if Indian language news service is added to the infrastructure of existing English news agencies, the additional cost will be quite low and these news agencies should be able to provide the requisite service to the language newspapers. The Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee and has accordingly decided to discontinue the payment of subscription by AIR, Doordarshan or any other subsidy to Hindustan Samachar and Samachar Bharati.

Levy on Fish Caught by Fishing Trawlers

*12. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the catch of prawn by fishing trawlers in the coastal areas, and

(b) whether Government propose to fix a levy on the fish caught with a view to supplying to Indian markets where the price of fish is soaring high?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

*13 [*Transferred to the 25th February*, 1986.]

Provision of Sanitary Latrines under RLEGP and NREP

*14. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to provide sanitary latrines in rural areas in the Seventh Five Year Plan period under the Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme and the National Rural Employment Programme ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Government proposed to take up a programme for construction of sanitary latrines in rural areas under National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) during the Seventh Five Year Plan. Details of this programme are as follows:

(1) One million sanitary latrines would be provided in the houses being constructed under the group housing and microhabitat scheme for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and freed bonded labourers under the RLEGP.

(2) 2.5 lakhs additional sanitary latrines would be constructed for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/ freed bonded labourers under RLEGP for which Rs. 6 crores would be earmarked each year of the Seventh Plan.

(3) 2.5 lakhs sanitary latrines would be constructed for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes under NREP by utilising Rs. 6 crores each year out of the funds earmarked for works exclusively benefitting Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes.

(4) For all houses that are being constructed for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes with NREP assistance, provision would be made to the extent possible for sanitary latrines in each house.

(5) Attempt would be made to provide sanitary latrines in all village-level institutions like health sub-centres, schools, panchayat ghars, Anganwadis, etc. by utilising funds under NREP and RLEGP.